

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1170
Davis Feed Mill
15209 Old Hanover Road
Fowblesburg, Baltimore County
Ca. 1919
Private

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Located at 15209 Old Hanover Road, the Davis Feed Mill is a wood frame structure that sits on a solid poured concrete foundation. Clad in sheet metal, the feed mill has a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building has been extensively altered since it's original construction circa 1919, and the two-story, three-bay-wide main block is now augmented by the addition of an elongated rectangular one-story wing that projects from the structure's east elevation. The Davis Feed Mill fronts north on the east side of the road, and its façade is pierced by one wide vehicular door opening without a door, two flush vertical board sliding doors, two boarded window openings, and one 2/2 window with a boarded bottom sash. The building is located to the south of the Davis Store (BA-1169) and its accompanying outbuildings, which form part of a larger property that includes the Davis Feed Mill.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1170

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Davis Feed Mill

other

2. Location

street and number 15209 Old Hanover Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maurice Edward Powell, Jr.

street and number 5238 Byerly Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11555 folio 192

city, town Towson tax map 31 tax parcel 271 tax ID number 0403001125

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent ☒ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The circa 1926 Davis Store is a one-and-a-half story wood frame building clad in sheet metal with a front gable, parapeted roof clad in standing-seam metal. The structure, which sits on a random rubble stone foundation, has a central two-light, double-leaf wood door flanked by two 1/1 windows. The façade openings are sheltered by a one-story, three-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by round metal posts.

A circa 1940 privy, circa 1940 poultry house and circa 1980 poultry house, all of which are one-story wood frame buildings, are located to the east and north of the Davis Store.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1919 ca., 1946

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1919 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The 1850 county atlas reveals that Fowblesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. By 1877, the small community, named for the Fowble family, included a school house and tavern. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A toll gate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, which replaced the Old Hanover Road as the primary route from Baltimore to Hanover in Carroll County. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Scharf, Thomas J. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1926, the Davis Feed Mill has been associated with the 1.81 acres known as parcel 271 of tax map 31 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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GEORGE BECKER TAVERN
14323 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD
Scale: 1:24,000



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GATE KEEPER'S HOUSE
15405 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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FOWBLESBURG INN
15401 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1169
DAVIS STORE
15209 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

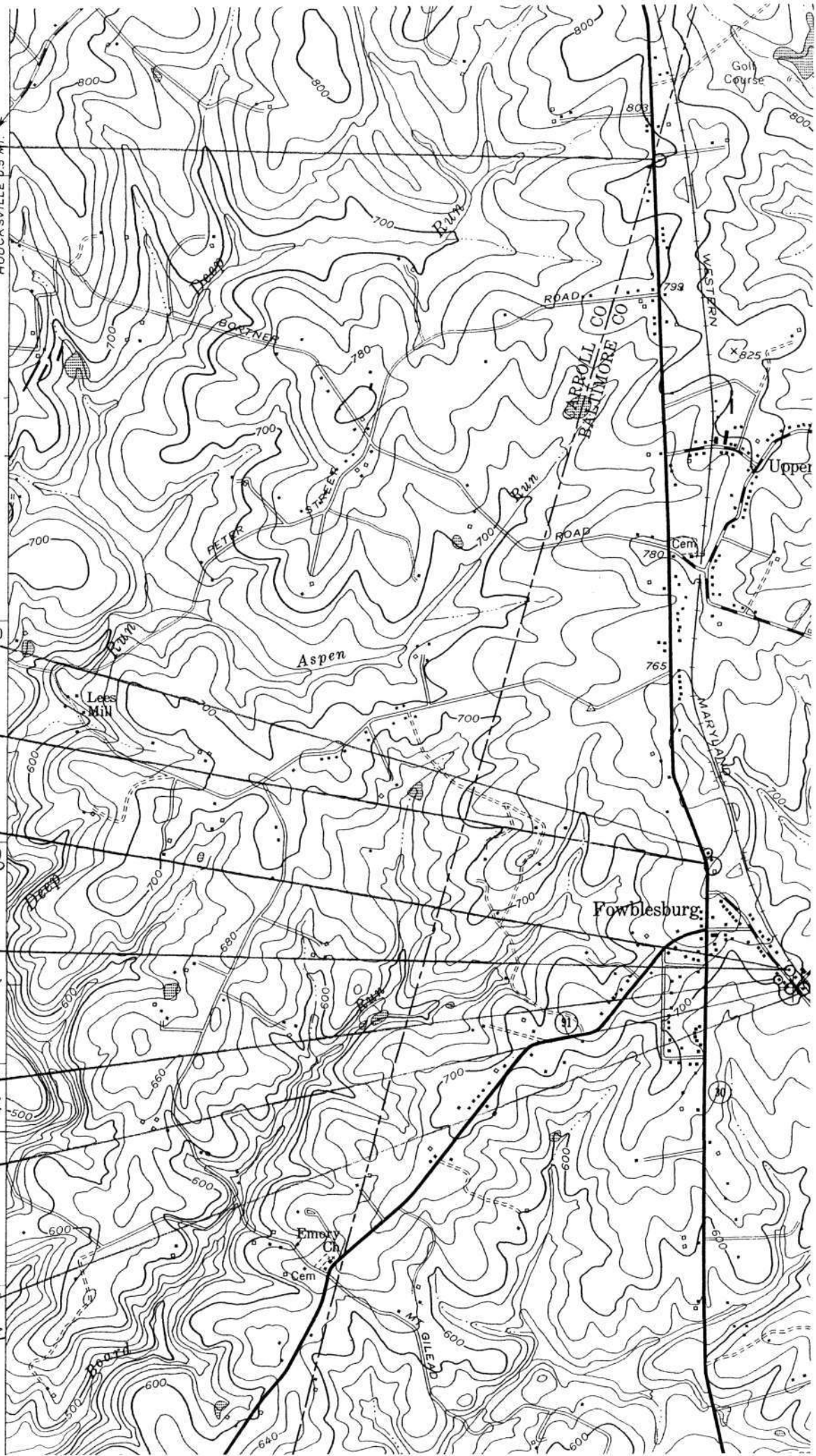
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DAVIS FEED MILL
15209 OLD HANOVER RD 32'30"
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1174
FARMER'S + MERCHANTS BANK
15204 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1173
THE PARSONAGE
15200 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1172
ANNIE HOUCK BYERLY HOUSE
5239 BYERLY ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

PATAPSCO 3.6 MI.
HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.





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mill, North corner: view looking South

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mill, south corner, view looking North

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mill, west corner, view looking east

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DAVIS FEED MILL - c. 1919 - (East side of Old Hanover Road, north of Byerly Road.) 15209 Old Hanover Road
Rural Power Pictorial in 1930 reported that W. Harvey Davis had, after 11 years in the feed mill business, purchased a hammer-type feed mill and 25 hp electric motor; there was also a corn sheller and buckwheat mill. The mill was still functioning in a 1941 newspaper story but in 1946 Mr. Davis' widow sold the store and mill. Frame, functional building with flat roof; rear storage building with metal siding.
Owner: Estate of Dr. Delmas D. Caples.